

Hooper Board Meeting  
June 7, 2022  
Zoom

Present: Helen Dalbeck, Sue Nadeau, Steve Dalessio, Becky Whippie, Peggy Pschirrer, Annie Monette, Seth Andrews, Liz Collinsworth, Joni Cormier, Amy Owens, Cheryl Mayberry and Laura Hayes

Joni Cormier calls meeting to order 7:10 p.m.

Helen Intro - Welcome Annie Monette our newest Board member and a Community Gardener

Secretary's report from May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting presented/reviewed by: Becky Whippie

Joni moved to approve, Sue seconds – all in favor

Treasurer's Report –

Deposits to local acct. = \$375 (Community Garden) with .27cents interest

Pending reimbursement check to Helen = \$392.92

Balance = \$11, 737.24

Ending balance of Trust for April = \$155,228.28

Education Scholarship account balance = \$15,520.46

Steve D. asked about the balance of the George L. Hooper Fund balance = \$44,699 to date

Steve proposed requesting \$30k be deposited to the Town account to cover bills. Requested that the Board vote on paying.

Laura moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Liz seconds – all in favor

Joni motioned to move \$30k to the Town account, Sue seconds – all in favor

Cheryl clarified that the Treasurer can make a motion to approve the report and that submitting meeting minutes with a letter to Becky Sethi to pay the amount is sufficient.

Sue will submit the minutes when completed to support this.

Amy will write a request letter.

Director's Report –

Helen read the report. Becky Whippie described the "Second Grade Author's Tea" to take place on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade river trip is scheduled June 9-10.

Gardens in the high tunnel at the school are flourishing with vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Summer Camp registration ended June 1<sup>st</sup>. 17 kids week #1, 11 kids week #2, Woodworking, 11 kids and Adventure Camp, 9 kids.

Helen provided updates on grants that were applied for, Women of Walpole suggested two foundations to apply for grants.

A Town-wide Scavenger Hunt will be sponsored by the Library and Distant Hill Gardens

This year's Walpole Community Garden has 17 members. They will have a table at Old Home Days.

George Hooper Birthday party was lightly attended but a success with a small group and plenty of sweets for all.

The Flower CSA – 5 sold, Sue and Steve requested to purchase CSA subscriptions during the meeting.

Steve suggested follow-ups be conducted to larger donors and requested a list from Helen.

Joni suggested a note be written and submitted to the July issue of The Clarion to request/remind about making donations to the Hooper Fund.

Helen reported \$85k in asks were requested

Helen and Becky Sethi will volunteer at the Old Home Days tent on behalf of The Hooper Env. Institute.

#### FoHi Update –

Checking balance = \$5,469.95, approx. Savings balance = \$45,000

Pending grant requests to Mascoma bank and others, Becky Sethi will help Helen make asks.

#### Conservation Commission –

Laura received the invoice for the forest harvest fee which the commission will fund.

#### Liz reviews Scholarship Committee updates –

There are 9 applicants for Hooper Scholarships this year

The town offered a loan of \$35k

Decision to make smaller gifts to students this year – Emily Britton \$5k, George Gowdy will receive a lesser amount also

3 new applicants to receive \$1k each, others to receive \$300-\$500 amounts = \$10k Total distributed

Holly Gowdy to join the Scholarship Committee to replace Kim Lewis

Committee members: Liz, Joe, Carol, Holly and Peggy

Old Business –

Tote bags are being sold for a \$20 donation to The Hooper Institute and will be sold at Old Home Days (qty 100 on hand). Our cost was \$3/bag

Nomination revisited for the VP position on the Board. Sue Nadeau accepts. Discussion to be held at July meeting.

Joni proposed a vote to approve the nomination. All were in favor.

New Business –

Decided that no food would be “sold” at Old Home Days at the table

Sue will seek Community garden produce to have at the table

Helen requested volunteers to help on 6 Fridays for the Flower CSA distributions. Steve, Ann and Liz offered to help.

July 27 Presentation Night scheduled for student recipients of scholarships funds as well as summer interns. Sue offered to volunteer for video support.

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival planning to begin, choose a date, form a committee

Fall Annual Appeal to continue fundraising

Helen presents comments reflecting the start of her 4<sup>th</sup> year as Director of The Hooper Environmental Institute. She confirmed her desire to continue to contribute.

Sue proposed idea to develop a new job description for Helen. Joni and Steve commented in support of developing.

Joni proposed a positive idea to begin Board meetings with a “two word check-in” with all attending.

Next meeting date – Tuesday, July 12, 2022 (hopefully in person)

Meeting adjourned – 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Nadeau

